ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

(Mr. A. Thanu Pillai handed over to the President notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.)

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai has put into my hands a motion for the adjournment of the House on the matter of the postponement of the date of the meeting of the Council after the date was first fixed. This is a matter which I think does not come within the purview of the rule allowing a motion for adjournment of the House being moved. Under the Regulation the power of fixing the date is absolutely vested in the Dewan; and I do not think it desirable to have that matter discussed on the floor of this House. In the second place there has been no inconvenience caused so far as one can see, because the notice postponing the meeting was itself given in sufficient time to meet the convenience of the members and to obviate any inconvenience. Finally it seems to me that it is not a matter of such importance as to support a motion for the adjournment of the House, and I rule that it is not admissible.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Sir, I have another motion.

(He handed over notice of his motion to the President.)

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether two such motions can be made on the same day. The rule which governs motions for adjournment is Rule 19, under which no more than one such motion shall be made at the same sitting. Standing Order No. 13 is:—

"Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance may be asked for after questions and before the list of business for the day is entered upon."

Here also the rule does not say *motoins* but *a motion*. So no more than one motion can be made.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, only one *motion* can be made but the actual motion arises only after applying for and getting the leave of the House. If one motion is allowed to be discussed, then no other can be allowed. But just now we are only at the stage of asking for leave.

PRESIDENT: I rule that a motion can be said to be made only when it has had the leave of the House. The restriction in the rule therefore applies only when the leave of the House has been obtained for one motion. This motion is thus in order.

Mr. Pachu Pillai begs leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the situation, which he says, has been created by the unsatisfactory results of the English School Leaving Certificate Examination recently published. I think the motion is admissible. Has the member the leave of the House to make the motion? As it is not objected to, I direct that the motion be taken up for discussion tomorrow at 3-30 P. M.

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